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# Service in Action

Recognizing service and volunteerism throughout Maryland



### Welcome to the NEW Service in Action Newsletter

Here at the GOSV we are excited about service! We know that many Marylander's are too, which is why our new Service in Action newsletter highlights the commitment people make each day to creating stronger communities. Our newsletter also strives to provide you with unique volunteer opportunities happening in and nearby Maryland.

If you have a story to share, or your organization is looking to spread the word about a volunteer opportunity, contact our Outreach Coordinator, Julie Mendez, at <a href="mailto:julie.mendez@maryland.gov">julie.mendez@maryland.gov</a>.

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## Volunteers are Instrumental

Join in on the excitement of the Kennedy Center's Nordic Cool 2013 Festival by volunteering! From February 19 - March 17 2013, volunteers are needed to fill a variety of roles including welcoming guests and as exhibition hosts.

Interested? Visit the Kennedy Center's volunteer page for more details.



#### Random Acts of Kindness Week is Here

Brighten someone's day with a random act of kindness during RAK Week! Whether you donate used books to the library, give care packs to the homeless, or help a child learn, the RAK Foundation wants to hear your story.

Share your story with the RAK Foundation on Twitter using <u>#rakweek</u> or post on their <u>Facebook wall</u>.



#### Save the Date -AmeriCorps Week

AmeriCorps Week is March 9 - 17, 2013.

During this week, the GOSV will kick off its month-long celebration of the AmeriCorps 20th Anniversary by highlighting the extraordinary impact AmeriCorps members make in our State.

Stay tuned for more details!



Looking for more volunteer opportunities? Use our <u>Maryland Volunteer Center interactive</u> <u>map</u> to find your closest volunteer center.

Visit the <u>GOSV's calendar</u> to find out about other National Service Days and other state-wide events.

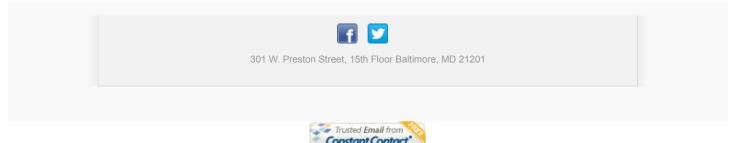
# Story of Service: "The Missing Person" by Cody Wehlan

Cody Wehlan, a second year AmeriCorps member with Partnership for Adolescents on the Lower Shore in Salisbury, MD, serves with Mid Shore Community Mediation. His story highlights a powerful experience he had while providing mediation to a High School student.

As a second year AmeriCorps member, I am inspired and moved by the power that service can provide. Offering oneself to another for no gain is a very spiritual and emotional experience. Consequently, once I experienced that powerful, positive energy, it became a challenge to re-experience that "a-ha" moment. I still found beauty and passion in the service I performed, but it was harder to find an experience that stood out for me. That is, until a couple weeks ago. Read more by visiting our Stories of Service page.

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